"WITH THE COLORS"

YMCA

Hqs. 3rd Training Battalion,
15th Depot Brigade, Camp Meade, Md.
Jan. 16th, 1917.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Received the Church paper this morning for which please accept my sincere thanks. I am sorry that I did not know of your printing the Herald fall, or I would of had my change in in time. My new address and rank are as follows:

Sgt-Maj. Eugene E. Straley,
Headquarters, 3rd Training Battalion,
15th Depot Brigade, Camp Meade, Md.
D-1.

I stopped at the Parsonage on Monday morning before leaving for Camp, and was very sorry not to find you, but will be home again soon, I think.

HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING. WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

I also wish to thank you, and those connected with the sending of the beautiful Testament, which I want to assure you will be made proper use of.

We are having very nice weather over head down here, but as it is getting a little warmer the ice that has covered the ground is melting and the walking is bad in another way.

We are begining to get very busy again. On Jan. 3rd, we transferred 150 men from the 3rd Training Battalion to another Camp, and it was on account of this transfer that there was no Christmas passes issued to this Battalion, as there was no telling just when the order would come transferring them. After this transfer was made we were left with only about 200 men, most of whom were Non-Commissioned

HEADQUARTERS 33rd DIVISION
Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.

November 13, 1917.

Session War Correspondence Committee,
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
35th and Baring sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 16th, I am on duty here as Acting Chief of Staff of the 33rd Division, but to give you any future address would be impossible, for all troops now under arms are training for foreign service, and maybe called at any time.

This Division which is composed of troops of the National Guard of Illinois, is made up of the flower of that state. The work is intensive and hard, but it is making men out of every one. As to the religious advantages, everything possible is being done. In the main we have active, energetic chaplains in the several regiments, and in addition, the Y. M. C.A. is doing a wonderful work. The churches of Houston are co-operating, and further, the people of Houston have opened their homes to the young men, and everything is being done for their welfare.

I was called upon on two different occasions to speak in the different branches of the Y. M. C. A, on the subject of "Soldiers' Obligations", using for the text of my talk the following, which was written by my father in a testament given to me as I was leaving for the Spanish-American War: "Be ever mindful of your duty to your God, your Country, and to those who love you dearly at home." Just a short time ago Mr. C. L. Neivel, a Presbyterian Minister who has charge of the religious work of the camp for the Y. M. C. A., called me on the phone and asked me to repeat this talk at another one of the branches, which I expect to do at some later date.

With kindest regards, and thanking you for the interest you are taking in those members of the church who have gone forth in this righteous cause, believe me to be

Very sincerely,

Chas. C. [illegible]

Major, General Staff,
Acting Chief of Staff.

3417 Race Street,

Dec. 17, 1920.

Dear Dr. Robinson:—

Your letters have been such a comfort and joy to us in these days of turmoil. We do indeed count you as one of our truest friends. We are very glad ~~to~~ you are coming on after

Christmas. Unless it suits your convenience better to make other plans, can't ~~to~~ you arrange to spend that night with Julian and me. We should so love to have you.

Amelia is improving slowly, but so slowly that at times it is alarming. If she

can just be out of the woods by Christmas, our hearts will be very thankful indeed.

Remember us to Mrs. Robinson.

Looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you soon,

Affectionately yours,

Virginia Hill Alexander

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BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN Oct. 14-1921

My dear Court-

I realized today that I had not even informed you when we intended to lay John away - and the facts of his death. The truth is my mind has not been working for several days. The nervous breakdown from which he suffered in the summer, he never recovered from. A month ago. he had an attack with his heart which kept him in bed for two days. He got out again, but two weeks ago

he had another and more severe
attack which kept him in bed
four days. He then got up and
went about the house but was
not strong enough to go out. He
seemed to be in good spirits, but
was awfully weak. And his heart-
action was very weak. This week
Tuesday. He was about the house
as usual and seemed in his
usual spirits; but late in the
day he was stricken with another
and much more severe attack
and died in a few minutes.
I was so dazed that I didn't

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realize how unrealis factory my telegrams were until just now.

The funeral was today at 3.00 P.M. and we laid him in the receiving vault for the time being. I did not feel that I could stand the expense of transportation just now, and besides if I went East now I should have had to come right back as I have business matters to settle, and the house to sell or rent as I can. I feel that it was

easier to stay here than to go away and come back alone. I just felt as tho I couldn't do it now.

My plans are entirely unformed now. I may decide to stay here when I have many warm friends. If I do I want John here. I may also decide to go East, and if I do I shall take him there. I have been in no condition and have had no opportunity to decide that matter yet; and that was another factor in the decision to put him in the vault for the present. The service today was very beautiful. The house was

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a perfect bower - flowers everywhere, and the service was simply scripture reading, prayer, and a solo by one of John's men friends. This was in accordance with this wish and mine. He was dressed in his Knight-Templar Regalia, and an escort of Knights accompanied him to the cemetery. I did this because John was high in Masonry - and I think he would have liked it. For myself would have preferred a simpler service. I would have been so glad if Delhi relatives

could have been here, and
especially father. but of course
I knew that was impossible.
Harry, Jen and Agnes are
here and have been everything
to me. I want to tell you
that I did appreciate your
offer of service. and the hospi-
tality of your home. and I
should have been glad to accept
both, if it had seemed best to go
to Delhi. Give my love to Guss.
and will you both write me.
I shall be so awfully lonely after
the folks go. Affectionately, Mai

[illegible]

Dr. Robinson

Sir

Having been told
that the sermons which you
[illegible] Sunday evenings [illegible]
February were just grand, [illegible]
like very much to read them.
If you have them [illegible]
in plain English [illegible]
short hand, [illegible]
[illegible]
I will return them [illegible],
[illegible] The Name of [illegible]
If [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

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PHILADELPHIA

Dec 16 1920

Dear Dr Robinson

We have read over and over again your letters of 12/6 & 11. They contain so much that is comforting and helpful at this time. We cannot thank you enough. I was very much broken in spirit at first. I don't know now what I wrote you as the sudden termination came with crushing effect. We naturally turned to Him who is the Christian's sure support in time of deep distress and we have

found relief.

We value your and Mrs. Robinson's love beyond telling, & you have always been more to us than we could possibly be to you. We fully appreciate your interest in and sympathy for us and your fathing thought of us also.

We have much to be thankful for - matters might have been worse. We feared being forced into liquidation which would have cut off all promise or hope of retrieving any thing, or interest, in our Company in the future. Barring further catastrophe we have some reason to expect

I consider the following a most remarkable and noble letter
W.C.R.

JULIAN ALEXANDER
3417 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Very interesting They know what a good guy you were saying
S.M.R.

12-13-20

Dear Dr Robinson —

I received your good letter of the ninth and am only too glad to tell you more about the happenings of the last few weeks. Father and Mother (in fact all of us) value your friendship most highly and appreciated very much your letter of sympathy, and I know will appreciate any further notes which you may send them. I regret that you are not here, as our pastor, to run in and talk things over with Father. Dr Kennedy has been most helpful to them. He called on them some three or four times and was able to give them real comfort. Mr Mackie started his postrate yesterday but, altho I feel he will fit in well in the work of the church, he is still a stranger and cannot help Father now in his immediate need.

You are right we have as fine parents as ever drew the breath of life. I do not know of anyone who does not love and respect them. Like Job they have lived a life of honor and comfort, now in their old age their house seems to be crumbling all at once but like Job their trust is in God and He will walk out His ways (which are not always what our short natural vision would have), and I believe that the "latter days will be better than the former", perhaps not measured in money but surely when measured in the worthwhile measures of life.

Father and Mother are the ones who are to be pitied in this trouble. Financially, I am glad to say, I think they will be all right. Father owns the factory buildings and his rental income will continue. This will give him enough to maintain his life as usual (if he is willing to live as usual) with the car and Edward.

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Father has never lived extravagently so will not have to curtail except in the extras. He will not be able to give so much away in the "specials" which have given him so much pleasure. The only chance of Father being in actual need would be the event of the closing down of the business — which I do not think they will do.

The hard part for Father is that he sees the thing he gave his life to broken and is too old to stop and build them up again. So far as Charlie and I are concerned this will not hurt us at all. Of course it is a serious matter to have your income stop on five minutes notice and be turned out of a business that you expected to spend the rest of your life in and which you have as your own child. I think that

the part (outside of the family troubles) which hurts me most is to feel that my baby — the factory building, machinery, system, personnel of men and the name — has fallen into the hands of men who will not take care of it. Every part of that place was just a part of me and I know the care of the plant and men will not be the same. The business has passed from the hands of Christian Gentlemen into the control of money makers.

Charlie is cleaned out entirely. He will have to move to a small house, sell his car and, in fact, change his whole method of living. I will have to curtail altho the contrast will not be so great. Virginia and I are perhaps least affected.

But there is no use worrying or regretting about the past. The whys and wherefores etc are all too long and involved to write in a letter. Sometimes when you are

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in the city I would be glad to take you home. I would suggest that before you see Father you let me tell you the details which he does not like to tell.

The hardest part was that then all of the last week Amelia has been very sick. We feared that she would not pull thru. Today she seems a little better altho the prognosis is bad and she is not out of danger yet.

Remember us to your family, one and all. Both the Alexanders and Hills send their love.

Pray for us all that we may never lose our vision. God is good and will always take care of those who trust Him. I believe that all of this trouble is a blessing in disguise and we will all come thru the fire better men and women for it.

Yours, Julian.

JULIAN ALEXANDER
3417 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Dear Dr Coleman.— Sunday—January 30

We all want you to know of our latest sorrow altho you may have heard of this time—news travels so fast. Charlie was brought home from New York on Friday last with a bad cold and high fever. He went to bed into nine but pneumonia had set in and in his condition carried him off about 800 AM on Saturday.

He had never rallied wholly from his previous sickness and had no reserve. His loss is sudden but for him is best for he was ready to meet his God.

We plan service at home on Tuesday at 1145 AM and interment at Rutland Vt.

in the Sage lot which he loved so well.
We are sorry that you are not here but
know that you will be with us in spirit.

Father and Mother are holding up well
Neta is a wonderful girl.

Pray for comfort and strength for us
all for He alone can help at this
time.

Much love to you both

Julian

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Central Presbyterian Church
DENVER, COLORADO

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your many friends desire to congratulate you on coming to the front and as a slight token of affection present to you this pin.

Your humble admirer,

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PHILADELPHIA

Jan 30 1921

Dear Dr & Mrs Robinson

Great sadness rested down upon our homes yesterday. Our dear first born son, Charles Orill, entered into rest at 7.45 Saturday morning.

Charlie came from New York to his home in Merion Friday A.M. sick with heavy cold and high fever.

Pneumonia [illegible]

already set in. Rita and a trained nurse attended him during the afternoon and night. He passed away quietly and without pain.

The funeral service will be held at their home in Newport Tuesday at 11.45.

It was Rita's desire that the burial should be in her father's family lot at Rutland Vt. Julian will go with Rita and her sisters leaving Broad St. at 4 P.M.

Sincerely your friend
Robinson

E. P. Alexander

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that the thoroughly established business of the company will be carried on under Armour Control in a successful way until their claim is entirely satisfied when 49% of the stock will be returned to me. This of course will take a few years of time. Then we have the satisfaction of knowing that nobody is losing anything by us — all bills will be paid as they mature and Armour also protects the Banks.

Our Company (A. Bros.) does not own the real estate. I hold title to it all and will receive rent for same. There are however some heavy fixed charges against the 3rd St properties which I of course must pay,

interest on Mfg., Taxes, Insurance Etc., but it will leave a good margin for living expenses. We have our house (306) and all it contains — our machine is ours. It will not effect Edward or our two faithful girls — all of them voluntarily offered to have their pay reduced but we said no, you can help us save and they are doing it. We have not lost the respect, confidence and love of our friends but on the other hand we seem to have more of such than we thought. So there are compensations for it all. Our business friends, competitors, the Leather Trade, the Church folks and our personal friends have, all-most, universally expressed kind feelings for us by letters & otherwise. But above all we have been drawn more to our Heavenly Father.

God has been merciful. Our dear Amelia is better. She is still at Hospital but we believe she will get well. Sincerely E. P. Alexander

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PHILADELPHIA

Dec 3 1920

Dear Dr. Robinson

Laird has brought over two letters from you — one to him 11/12 & the other to Amalia of 11/28. Fine letters. He regrets not having acknowledged them as he and as his time is very much occupied, going to Hospital three times daily etc., I told him I would do it.

Amalia was taken to Jefferson Hospital last Saturday afternoon her condition having become serious and somewhat mystifying. X ray and other methods were employed to diagnose her case

and determine how to handle it. Amelia was very ill and we were all greatly concerned about her. She remained the same until Tuesday or Wednesday morning when improvement began which has continued and to day the doctor says there is a marked change for the better over four days ago. This makes us very happy and we trust she is now on the road to recovery. Your good letters will be sent to Amelia as soon as she is well enough to hear them.

Last week was a dark week in the Alexander family history. In addition to the anxiety

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the entire work and I may say the one preceding was fraught with dire forebodings regarding the business of Alexander Brothers. The story is too long and I have not the heart to burden you with it. Suffice it to say that our splendid, and profitable business until the war came, begun fifty three years ago has passed into other hands — The Armour Leather Co. of Chicago. Our fine group of executives, shown in all including Charlie, Julian & Myself are out and Armour men are installed in our places.

I know you will be surprised and pained to hear this.

It has came upon us with crushing effect but the Lord is our God and we trust him praying that our loved daughter's life may be precious in his sight and that He will bring us out of all our distresses.

Mrs. Alexander joins in love to Mrs. Robinson & yourself also your dear father.

Sincerely yours

E. P. Alexander

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PHILADELPHIA

July 11 1920

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Robinson

We do appreciate your "good bye" letter of 6th inst.

We shall certainly think of you in our journeyings both going and coming. We will convey your expression of warmest regards to the dear family with whom we will visit, July 20th – Aug 20th.

Thank you for the installation programme. It seems wonderful to think of the four generations in connection with it. We are thankful to God that your dear father was permitted to live

not only to see that dear
but was able to parti-
cipate with such vigor
of body and mind. It
was fine that Dr. Laird
could be with you. I
wish we could have been
present. That you may
long be spared to serve
and build up a greater
1st church of Delhi, is our
wish and prayer. We
enjoy looking at your
face in the picture of
you on first page.
Northminster people
do not and never will
forget you, the impress
of your faithful, earnest
and devoted work seems
to be stamped all over
us. That you should
miss our church is
natural for it is, in

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harmony, loyalty and Christian fellowship happily what you made it. The membership hold you in fond remembrance and love the Church and Him who it represents, as you taught us to do.

We are praying that a man of God may be sent soon to take up the work where you left it and carry on in the same excellent and efficient way.

We are sorry not to see Stuart and Ann & their baby boy during their vacation — our love to them.

I note what you say about the automobile — the upkeep, gas, oil, insurance, (fines?) do cost

a lot but they get there at a great saving of time and vital tissue

We are sorry that we cannot motor up to see you both this summer. Our machine will take a good rest jacked up in the garage while Edward & family visit their old home & friends at Saranac Lake, while we are away.

It is a pretty hot sunday here. Dr Kinnicutt had a very fair audience for mid-summer.

We expect to be in the Plains City of Cheyenne, Wyo., next sunday.

Please remember us most kindly to your father and to Stewart and Ann.

We both join in love to both of you. Sincerely

E. P. Alexander

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PRESIDENT.

March 24, 1920.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your card of 3/23/20, giving notice of your change of address, just received and we have noted same and hereafter shall address you at Delhi, N. Y.

I was deeply impressed by your reasons given at the time of your resignation for asking your Congregation to join you in your request to Presbytery to have your pastoral relations dissolved.

I shall think of you in your old ancestral home. You have had a splendid ministry in this City. You have ranked at the very top. Your withdrawal at this particular time will be greatly felt but I am sure that God will go with you and will abide with you and will bless you.

Very sincerely yours,

Perry S. Allen

President.

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